HOUSE No. 2877

By Mr. Welch of West Springfield, petition of James T. Welch and Stephen J. Buoniconti relative to establishing the miracle league of Massachusetts to provide recreational resources for persons with disabilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after
- 3 section 186, the following section:—
- 4 Section 186A. The office shall establish a program entitled the
- 5 "Miracle League of Massachusetts". The program shall create no
- 6 less than 5 "Miracle League" fields by January 1, 2012. The fields
- 7 shall be geographically distribute with at least 1 field in western
- 8 Massachusetts, 1 in central Massachusetts and 1 in eastern Massa-
- 9 chusetts and the remaining to be determined by the advisory
- 10 council. Funds for the implementation and maintenance of this
- 11 program shall come from those authorized pursuant to section
- 12 2 PPP of chapter 29.
- 1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so
- 2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsec-
- 3 tion:—
- 4 Section 29:2 PPP. There shall be established and set up on the
- 5 books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Miracle
- 6 League Fund, the funds of which shall be expended for the pur-
- 7 pose providing recreational resources and assisting people with
- 8 disabilities.

9 There shall be credited to the fund all revenues or other 10 financing sources directed to the fund by appropriation but no less 11 than \$500,000 annually through fiscal year 2012.